



Web Genealogy

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It is getting easier and easier to do your genealogy research online today as more and more resources are made available through dedicated individuals and organizations. Although some are still to be digitised and transcribed (which in it's own right is a mammoth task), a huge amount of information is available.

Understandably with the amount of effort that goes into making this data available, not all resources are offered free of charge. If you do not know where to go to look for the needed information, you could end up paying a lot of money for something you could have gotten for free. Please see the table below with websites you can use to help you in your quest.

Here are a few tips:

TIP 1:

Please remember, if you can't find what you are looking for, try again in a month or so as new data is continuously being added.

TIP 2:

Never forget to try old trusted "Google". Search for the person's full name and ,if you have it available, add a birth year or year-of-death. Using quotes in the search bar will search for a specific phrase.

Exp.: "John Jacob Smith" 1880 1925

TIP 3:

Large pay-sites like ANCESTOR.COM and MYHERITAGE.COM offers free research weekends. If you register to these sites for free, wait until you get a mail from them advertising their free research weekends. This only happens once or twice a year but is a great source of information. If you are on a tight budget and not in a great hurry, this is a awesome solution. (please just remember that you might not get a lot of sleep on those weekends).

TIP 4:

One of the best ways to get information is to get out of your house. The archives, libraries and graveyards are your best friend.

HAPPY HUNTINGS.....

Grave Search		
Website	Pay/Free	Address
eGGSA Gravestone Library	Free	http://www.eggsa.org/library/main.php?g2_itemId=43
FindAGrave	Free	https://www.findagrave.com/
Billiongraves	Free	https://billiongraves.com/
VITAE Online Memorials	Free	https://www.vitae.co.za/Home/Graves
SA War Graves	Free	http://southafricawargraves.org/
Commonwealth War Graves	Free	https://www.cwgc.org/
Birth / Marriage / Death / Census - Records Search		
Ancestry.co.uk	Pay	https://www.ancestry.co.uk/
FamilySearch	Free	https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/1927115
Africangenealogy Blogspot	Free	http://africangenealogy.blogspot.co.za/
FindMyPast	Pay	http://www.findmypast.co.uk/
MyHeritage	Pay	https://www.myheritage.com/
eGGSA Document Library	Free	http://www.eggsa.org/documents/main.php?g2_itemId=54
National Archives of RSA	Free	http://www.national.archsrch.gov.za/sm300cv/smws/sm300dl
IdentityNumber	Pay	https://www.identitynumber.org/death-records.php
Family Tree Builder / Research		
Geni	Free	https://www.geni.com/
Wikitree	Free	https://www.wikitree.com/
FamilySearch	Free	https://www.familysearch.org/
Newspaper / Obituary Research		
Newspapers.com	Pay	https://www.newspapers.com/
British Newspaper Archive	Pay	http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/
VITAE Online Memorials	Free	https://www.vitae.co.za/Home/Obituaries
eGGSA Newspaper Search	Free	http://www.eggsa.org/newspapers/index.php/search-newspapers
Newspaper Archive	Pay	https://newspaperarchive.com
Huguenot Records - 1652 - 1749		
e-Family	Free	http://www.e-family.co.za/ffy/index.htm
1820 Settler's Research		
1820 Settlers	Free	http://1820settlers.com/
South African Settlers	Free	http://www.southafricansettlers.com/
British Concentration Camps Research		
BCCD	Free	http://www2.lib.uct.ac.za/mss/bccd/PersonsSearch/1/0/0/
Passenger Lists		
SA Genealogy	Free	http://sagenealogy.co.za/search-database/
eGGSA Passenger List	Free	http://www.eggsa.org/arrivals/lists.html
The Shipslist	Free	http://www.theshipslist.com/
Indentured Indians Shiplist	Free	http://scnc.ukzn.ac.za/doc/SHIP/shipndx.html
South African Government Gazette Research		
VITAE Online Memorials	Free	https://www.vitae.co.za/Home/DeceasedEstates
General Recourses		
RootsWeb	Free	http://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
Genealogical Institute of SA	Free	http://www.gisa.org.za/site/
GenData	Free	http://www.gendata.co.za/
Google	Free	https://www.google.co.za
Ancestors	Pay	http://www.ancestors.co.za/
VITAE Online Memorials	Free	https://www.vitae.co.za/